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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY TELLS NEW YORK TIMES REPRESENTATIVE TO
LEAVE

1. DAVID ANDELMAN, NEW YORK TIMES SOUTHEAST ASIA
BUREAU CHIEF, ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE AUGUST 23 WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMISSION TO REMAIN THROUGH
AUGUST 29, SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 5.

2. ANDELMAN TOLD US TODAY (SEPTEMBER 1) THAT DR.
KITHONG VONGSAY, IN CHARGE OF PRESS AFFAIRS IN
FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAD CALLED HIM IN AND ASKED HIM TO
LEAVE ON TODAY'S THAI AIRWAYS FLIGHT. KITHONG SAID
THAT HE HAD NOTHING AGAINST ANDELMAN PERSONALLY BUT
THAT THE POLICE HAD DECIDED HE SHOULD LEAVE IN THE
INTEREST OF PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC ORDER. ANDELMAN
HAD NOT FILED ANY STORIES ON HIS CURRENT TRIP. HE HAD
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TRAVELED AROUND VIENTIANE TALKING WITH VARIOUS LAO AND

AT TIMES USING FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW CORRESPONDENT
EVERINGHAM AND REUTERS CORRESPONDENT GIAI AS INTER-
PRETERS. HE HAD CALLED AT TOUBY LYFOUNG'S HOUSE (TOUBY,
OF COURSE, HAS BEEN ABSENT IN VIENGSAI FOR MANY MONTHS).
KITHONG TOLD ANDELMAN HE HOPED HE WOULD NOT REFER TO
THIS SUDDEN REQUEST THAT HE DEPART IN HIS REPORTING.
KITHONG ALSO MENTIONED THAT NORMAN PEAGAM OF THE FAR
EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW AND VARIOUS JAPANESE CORRESPON-
DENTS HAD LEFT OR WILL BE LEAVING TODAY. THE LAST
JAPANESE REMAINING GOES OUT ON TODAY'S THAI AIRWAYS
FLIGHT.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IS BEHIND THIS LPDR
ACTION, WHICH DOES NOT SEEM TO MAKE MUCH SENSE.
WE SUPPOSE THAT SOMEBODY IN THE SECURITY APPARATUS
TOOK EXCEPTION TO ANDELMAN'S PRESENCE. WE SHALL TRY
DISCREETLY TO PICK UP ANY EXPLANATION WE
CAN. COROCORAN

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